

Data Source Documentation

Indicator	High school graduation rate (now referred to as completion rate)
Demographic Group	Wisconsin high school students
Numerator	Recipients of regular high school diplomas
Denominator	<p>The sum of :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Drop-outs over four years, plus • Students who reached the maximum age (21) without completing high school, plus • High school completers (any credential). <p>Note: Prior to 2004, the denominator for high school graduation rate did not include those who reached the maximum age without completing high school or those who received a credential other than a regular diploma. Caution should be used when comparing pre-2004 rates with those for 2004 and beyond.</p>
Details about Data Item	<p>Graduates/completers are defined as students who complete the prescribed course of study established by a local school district. The Department of Public Instruction (DPI) differentiates between two types of rates: 1) <i>completion rate, regular diploma</i> and 2) <i>completion rate, combined</i>. “Completion rate, regular diploma” is used for this indicator; it excludes from the numerator those who received any high school credential other than a regular diploma. DPI advocates use of “completion rate, regular diploma” but also provides information about the proportion of completers who receive other high school credentials.</p>
Reference Time Period	Year of high school completion
Data Source	<p>Wisconsin's Information Network for Successful Schools (WINSS), Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI) Web site: http://www.dpi.state.wi.us</p> <p>To find the data, click on the following series of links:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WINSS • DATA Analysis • STATE Level Data • How are student performing academically? • What are the high school completion rates? (Schools with grade 12 only)
Additional Information	The DPI Web site provides substantial information about Wisconsin school performance and programs.